



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: An estimated 6.7 million people in the U.S. are currently living with chronic wounds, and the number of individuals affected is expected to grow over the next decade; and
- WHEREAS: The rising incidence of chronic wounds can be attributed to an aging population, increasing rates of diseases such as diabetes, and the late effects of radiation therapy; and
- WHEREAS: Untreated chronic wounds can lead to a diminished quality of life and possible amputation of an affected limb. The chronic wound epidemic represents costs of more than \$50 billion per year for the American health care system; and
- WHEREAS: More than 30.3 million people in the U.S., or roughly 9.4 percent of Americans, have diabetes, and approximately two million individuals affected by diabetes will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or another non-healing wound; and
- WHEREAS: Advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective manner. Advanced wound care physicians and health care providers strive to ensure their patients are able to live full and independent lives; and
- WHEREAS: Greater awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit those affected today and in the future. The goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, community physicians, and the general public of the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 4–8, 2018, as WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley
CHIEF OF STAFF